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SUBJECT: TRADE MINISTER ROSSI REPORTS TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON MTN.

1. TRADE MINISTER ROSSI REPORTED TO THE ASSEMBLY'S COMMITTEE ON PRODUCTION AND TRADE REGARDING FRANCE'S ROLE IN THE MTN. HE MADE FOUR POINTS. FIRST, ORGANIZATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN TRADE LIBERALIZATION WHICH, IN ANY EVENT, MUST BE ACCCOMPANIED BY RULES ASSURING EQUAL ACCESS TO MARKETS; SECOND, THERE MUST BE PARALLEL PROGRESS ON MONETARY AFFAIRS; THIRD, THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY'S COMMON AGRICULTURE POLICY IS NOT NEGOTIABLE EITHER IN PRINCIPLE OR ITS MECHANISMS; FOURTH, THE MTN SHOULD PRODUCE NOT A BALANCE OF CONCESSIONS BUT COMPARABLE LEVELS OF PROTECTION.

2. ROSSI WENT ON TO EXPLAIN SPECIFIC FRENCH OBJECTIVES. IN AGRICULTURE, THE NEGOTIATION MUST BE SEPARATE AND LEAD TO PRODUCT BY PRODUCT AGREEMENTS TO ORGANIZE UNCLASSIFIED

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MARKETS. FOR INDUSTRY, EC TARIFFS SHOULD NOT BE LOWERED BEYOND THE THRESHOLD NEEDED TO PRESERVE THE COMMON MARKET. FRANCE WILL NOT ACCEPT LINEAR CUTS. AGREEMENT ON ANY TARIFF FORMULA IS CONDITIONAL UPON ACCEPTANCE BY THE UNITED STATES OF A SIMPLE CUSTOMS VALUATION SYSTEM. WITH REGARD TO NON-TARIFF BARRIERS, THE UNITED STATES MUST AGREE TO OBEY INTERNATIONAL

RULES REGARDING COUNTERVAILING DUTIES AND ANTI-DUMPING  
MEASURES. FRANCE WANTS SELECTIVE APPLICATION OF GATT  
ARTICLE XIX. ON THE MULTIFIBER AGREEMENT (MFA),  
FRANCE WANTS GLOBAL IMPORT QUOTAS FOR SENSITIVE  
PRODUCTS.

3. COMMENT: EXCEPT FOR THE FINAL POINT REGARDING  
MFA, THE ABOVE REPRESENTS A RITUALISTIC REPETITION OF  
WELL-KNOWN FRENCH VIEWS CONSISTENTLY HELD SINCE THE  
TOKYO DECLARATION.

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